

1 **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

2 1. **(currently amended)** A tape barrier, display, or warning comprising:
3 a tape of flexible material having two generally parallel edges and a
4 longitudinal axis, such that the tape has substantially greater length than
5 width, with cuts made into the tape at selected intervals along the tape
6 defining

7 a) a plurality of pennants, each pennant comprising at least one
8 edge, said pennants alternating with

9 b) a plurality of connecting bands, each band comprising two
10 ends and two edges,

11 wherein each band is connected at one end to one adjacent
12 pennant and at the other end to the other adjacent pennant;

13 wherein at least a portion of one edge of each band is coincident
14 with at least a portion of an edge of an adjacent pennant; and,

15 wherein at least a portion of either edge of the same band is
16 coincident with at least a portion of an edge of the other adjacent pennant;

17 such that longitudinal tension on the tape will deploy the barrier,
18 display, or warning, cause—thereby causing the edges of the bands to
19 separate from the edges of the adjacent pennants, and thereby
20 substantially increasing the length of the tape, thus forming a series of
21 spaced apart pennants connected by bands; and,

22 such that when deployed, the dimension of the pennants transverse
23 to the longitudinal axis of the tape is substantially greater than the
24 dimension of the bands transverse to the longitudinal axis of the tape.

25 2. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is
26 such that at least a portion of one edge of each band is coincident with at least a
27 portion of an edge of an adjacent pennant and at least a portion of the other edge
28 of that same band is coincident with at least a portion of an edge of the other
29 adjacent pennant.

30 3. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is
31 such that at least a portion of one edge of each band is coincident with at least a

1 portion of an edge of an adjacent pennant and another portion of the same edge
2 of that band is coincident with at least a portion of an edge of the other adjacent
3 pennant.

4 4. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is
5 such that one end of each band is nearer to one edge of the tape, and the other
6 end of the same band is nearer to the other edge of the tape.

7 5. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is
8 such that both ends of each band are nearer to one edge of the tape than to the
9 other edge of the tape.

10 6, **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is a
11 repeated series of Y-shapes, the stem of each successive Y-shape terminating at
12 an opposite edge of the tape.

13 7. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein the pattern of cuts is a
14 repeated series of essentially transverse lines, each line extending from an edge
15 of the tape substantially toward the other edge of the tape.

16 8. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 7 wherein the repeated series of
17 lines is two from one edge of the tape and two from the other edge of the tape.

18 9. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 8 wherein the spacing between the
19 lines alternates from being relatively wide to relatively narrow.

20 10. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 7 wherein the repeated series of
21 lines is two from one edge of the tape and then one from the other edge of the
22 tape.

23 11. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 10 wherein the spacing between
24 said two lines is relatively wide and the spacing between each of said two lines
25 and said one line is relatively narrow.

26 12. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein at least some of the cuts
27 terminate with stress relief holes.

28 13. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 1 wherein at least some of the cuts
29 are incomplete.

30 14. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 13 wherein at least some of the
31 incomplete cuts do not pass through the tape.

- 1 15. **(original)** The tape barrier of claim 13 wherein at least some of the
2 incomplete cuts are discontinuous.
- 3 16. **(previously presented)** The tape barrier of claim 8 wherein the
4 intervals between the lines repeat in a series, each series first being narrow, then
5 wide, then narrow, and then wide.
- 6 17. **(previously presented)** The tape barrier of claim 10 wherein the
7 intervals between the lines repeat in a series, each series first being narrow, then
8 narrow, and then wide.